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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Donna Searcy Secretary Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 92-77/Billed Party Preference for 0+ InterLATA Calls

Dear Ms. Searcy:

On December 14, 1992, this office transmitted on behalf of LDDS Communications, Inc. supplemental comments in the above-captioned proceeding. A malfunction is the firm's word processing system caused the deletion of several words at the top of page four. Enclosed herewith is a corrected page four which should be inserted in place of the original page four in the LDDS supplemental comments.

I apologize for any inconvenience which may have been caused by this error. If there are any questions, kindly communicate directly with the undersigned.

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Enclosure

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marketplace, LDDS does not want, and, indeed, cannot afford, to be perceived as creating complexities and inconveniences for consumers in reaching their calling card-issuing IXCs.

Based upon its experience as a telecommunications service provider and upon its familiarity with existing technology both within local exchange and interexchange telecommunications networks and of public and private telecommunications equipment, LDDS has concluded that transfer of 0+ CIID card calls to AT&T by means of simple and clear dialing instructions (e.g., "Please hang up and dial 1-800-225-5288") is by far the most reliable, efficient and consumer friendly mechanism for transferring CIID card calls to AT&T. Call transfer by means of dialing instructions is the only ubiquitously-available means for transferring 0+ CIID card calls from the presubscribed IXC to the card-issuing IXC. That method works from all phones in all locations. It enables the card-issuing carrier to complete the call from the originating location and to bill the call from the originating locations in all circumstances.

The other means for call transfer do not produce such satisfactory results. Call transfer to AT&T at a location close to LDDS's switching centers almost always will result in the calls being billed from the transferred location rather than from the originating location. Although LDDS would be willing to transmit to AT&T the originating telephone number information (Automatic Number Identification or "ANI") for the transferred calls on a real time basis, AT&T is either unwilling or unable to accept that information. If calls are billed from the transfer location without the caller's informed consent, it is considered to be "call splashing" and is violative of Section 226(b)(1)(H) of the Communications Act⁶. Call transfer by means of reorigination to the originating local exchange carrier is another incomplete solution. It simply cannot be achieved from most LEC-provided public phones. Where such call reorigination can be accomplished, it necessitates the inefficient backhauling of calls from the presubscribed carrier's operator center to the network facilities of the LEC originating the call. Neither of these transfer methods are satisfactory either to LDDS or to its customers. Based upon extensive experience with consumers

^{6 47} U.S.C. § 226(b)(1)(H) (1991).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Raina N. Price-Webster, do hereby certify that a copy of the attached corrected page four of Supplemental Comments of LDDS Communications, Inc., which was filed with the Federal Communications Commission on December 14, 1992, has been served via first-class mail, postage pre-paid to the recipients on the attached pages.

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